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[54] **INTERACTIVE APPLIANCE SECURITY SYSTEM AND METHOD**

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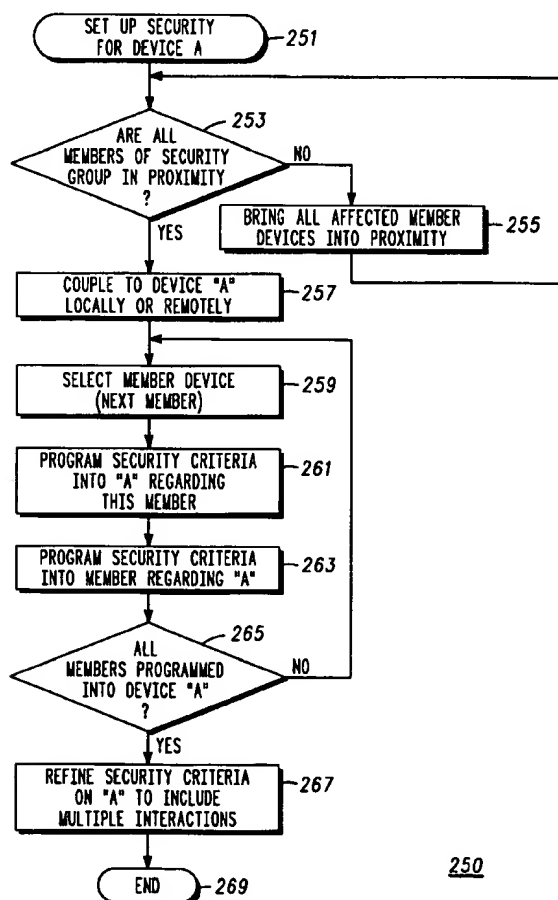
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[57] **ABSTRACT**

In a personal area network, a method for including an appliance (121). The method includes steps of a) determining, by the personal area network (120), that the appliance (121) should be included in the personal area network (120); b) determining (253) that all individual members (121) of the personal area network (120) are in data communication with the personal area network (120); and c) when all individual members (121) of the personal area network (120) are in data communication with the personal area network (120), performing substeps of: i) selecting (259) a selected member (121) of the personal area network (120); ii) programming (261) security criteria relevant to the selected member (121) into the appliance (121); and iii) programming (263) security criteria relevant to the appliance (121) into the selected member (121).

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